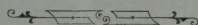


ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,
BOARD OF EDUCATION,
AND
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
OF THE
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.



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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

ACCOUNT OF MONEY FURNISHED FRANKLIN J. EASTMAN, TOWN TREASURER.

The Selectmen charge the Treasurer as follows :

Cash balance, March 1, 1883,	\$2,348 08
Received deposit in Iona Savings Bank,	2,265 55
" " Franklin "	2,137 57
Received of John S. Winslow, by town note, 4 per cent.,	1,000 00
Mrs. Dr. Lamson,	52 00
State Treasurer, R. R. tax,	374 50
" Savings Bank tax,	849 17
" literary fund,	65 79
" bounties reimbursed,	9 70
Rev. John Lambert,	29 00
County of Merrimack,	214 37
Granite Mills, highway tax,	126 00
G. S. Abbott, Collector, back taxes,	50 09
" " " 1883,	5,356 16
" " on highway lists,	27 01
	\$14,904 99

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CREDIT ACCOUNT.

By orders of the Selectmen the Treasurer has paid as follows:

PARSONAGE INTEREST.

Daniel S. Clay, Congregational Society,	\$5 50
Benjamin A. Winslow, Baptist “	5 50
John F. Taylor, Episcopal “	5 50
Sylvester Dixon, Methodist “	5 50
	<hr/> \$22 00

BONDS, NOTES, INTEREST AND COUPONS.

Matured Bonds 1883,	\$5,800 00
Bonds of 1893, purchased,	1,000 00
Premium on same,	100 00
Mrs. John M. Watts, note and interest,	360 36
Adelaide S. Morrison's “ “	110 42
Mrs. Smith W. Glines, balance of note,	175 75
G. Fred Glines, note and interest,	204 50
Frank A. Glines, “ “	204 50
John W. Glines, “ “	204 50
Mabel W. Glines, “ “	204 50
F. J. Eastman, adjustment of interest on bonds,	2 50
John S. Winslow, interest,	20 00
Coupons 1882,	27 00
“ 1883,	867 00
	<hr/> \$9,281 03

TAXES.

State tax,	\$1,000 00
County tax,	1,124 95
Balance of county tax 1882,	16 26
	<hr/> \$2,141 21

SCHOOL MONEY.

Dist. No. 1,	Daniel Sanborn, Committee,	\$101 29
" 2,	Harry Shaw, "	104 67
" 3,	Miss Sarah E. Hodgdon, Committee,	
	(arrearage \$77 38,)	152 74
" 4,	Eben B. Calef, Committee,	82 32
" 5,	Morrill Moore, "	89 75
" 6,	George F. Weeks, "	83 81
" 7,	James F. Glines, "	75 30
" 8,	Lewis D. Haines, "	34 68
Union Dist.,	Daniel M. Page,	336 96
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		\$1,061 52
Mrs. L. R. H. Cross,	part of school fund,	\$13 35

LYFORD VS. TOWN.

John Y. Mugridge,	damage, etc., reported Mar. 1, 1883,	\$100 00
E. B. S. Sanborn,	counsel,	20 00
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		\$120 00

DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

Sumner A. Dow,	\$12 00
Joseph A. Cofran,	18 00
John B. Yeaton,	2 00
James F. Glines,	4 00
Joseph S. Lang,	3 00
Walter F. Glines,	2 00
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	\$41 00

BOUNTIES.

Bounty on crows,	\$7 80
" woodchucks,	20
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	\$8 00

HIGHWAYS.

John Keniston, labor,	\$ 1 13
Herbert Dow, “	50
Alpheus Keniston, “	3 22
John Keniston, “	2 25
J. K. Hancock, breaking roads,	2 50
John C. Webster,	8 82
John B. Yeaton, labor,	3 54
John R. Woodbury,	2 08
Albert J. Cate, breaking roads,	6 00
G. M. Riley, labor,	1 50
James M. Thompson, labor,	2 87
John Keniston, “	1 25
Samuel B. Haines, breaking roads,	20 00
W. C. Bryant, “	3 75
John Adams breaking Fellows road,	31 65
A. J. Cate, labor,	1 25
Clough Gorrell, ox work,	4 00
Leroy Glines, breaking roads,	6 25
Eben B. Calef, labor,	5 75
William C. French,	8 84
Otis C. Wyatt, labor,	75
William T. Clark, “	10 26
C. A. Huber, breaking roads,	6 65
Henry L. Cram, labor,	1 25
John Chamberlain, “	10 00
C. W. Whicher, labor, and covering stone,	19 33
Charles J. Chamberlain, labor,	25 00
Thomas R. Payson, “	6 93
Byron Dow, “	3 12
Edgar O. Downing, “	2 50
Herbert Dow, “	6 56
Arthur L. Bennett, “	3 43
Fred Glines, “	8 25
Frank Glines, “	2 50
Jere S. Dow, “	1 52
John Chamberlain, bridge plank,	14 00

John Chamberlain, labor,	\$ 3 00
Jeremiah Dow, labor,	62
Fred Glines, “	8 00
Frank Glines, “	2 75
G. Cook & Son, bridge plank,	34 80
John R. Woodbury, labor,	1 25
Eben B. Calef, “	4 88
G. E. Gorrell, labor,	20 00
James N. Forrest, labor and covering stone,	60 00
James T. Downing, labor,	10 00
Henry L. Cram, labor,	1 25
Asa K. Osgood, use of plow,	1 25
Lewis D. Haines, ox work,	4 00
C. H. Ayers, non-resident tax expended in labor,	10 00
Byron Shaw, breaking roads,	6 00
Town of Tilton, bridge plank,	14 58
Jere S. Dow, labor,	50
William C. French, labor,	6 63
Frank M. Smith, “	87
B. P. Simonds, bridge plank,	47 89
Clough Gorrell, ox labor,	2 25
Joseph S. Lang, labor,	2 00
Otis C. Wyatt, “	3 25
Richard Bachelder, “	1 50
Rueben S. Whicher, “ covering stone and bridge timber,	25 00
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	\$509 20

CURRENT EXPENSES.

L. B. Fellows, auditor,	\$ 2 00
Jason Foss, “	2 00
Otis C. Wyatt, “	2 00
“ “ 1882 police duty,	2 00
“ “ supervisor,	5 00
“ “ blanks,	80
Obe G. Morrison, supervisor, Nov. and March,	10 00
Oscar P. Sanborn, “	5 00
H. F. Johnson, shoveling path to Town Hall,	50

Arthur W. Bean, shoveling path to Town Hall,	\$ 50
Charles F. Hill, printing reports,	26 20
Z. C. Perkins, board bill, (Gorrell)	3 50
N. M. Bailey, horse baiting, (Chamberlain)	2 00
J. L. Loverin, " " (Forrest)	1 50
William C. French, for water tub, 1882,	3 00
G. B. Munsey, printing bills,	1 00
Sam. T. Holmes, for conveying Mitchell woman to county farm, (2 trips) and cash paid out \$2 00,	8 00
Dr. Sanborn, certificates of birth,	75
William P. Ford & Co., iron scraper,	8 75
George A. Stevens, stationery,	1 05
Philbrick & Hill, wood for Town House, etc.,	4 90
Sam. T. Holmes, constable, State vs. Mitchell,	9 92
E. B. S. Sanborn, advice,	10 00
W. C. French, water tub, 1883,	3 00
F. J. Eastman, paid out for labor etc. on Sondogardy bridge,	14 66
Hiram I. Glines, for water tub,	3 00
Otis C. Wyatt, police duty,	3 00
Charles F. Hill, printing tax bills,	2 50
J. L. Mowe, tax refunded,	1 67
Mrs. L. R. H. Cross, services, S. S. Committee,	35 00
Charles W. Tilton, " Town Clerk,	35 00
Franklin J. Eastman, " Treasurer,	30 00
Charles J. Chamberlain, " Selectman and expense,	60 00
Gawn E. Gorrell, " " "	75 00
James N. Forrest, " " "	105 00
J. B. Sanborn, blanks, etc.,	7 25
Otis C. Wyatt, decoration appropriation,	25 00
L. D. Miller, care of Town House etc.,	7 50
C. H. Ordway, recording deed of church,	62
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	\$518 57

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

J. J. Prescott, for board of Ruhamah Prescott,	\$ 48 00
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N. H. Asylum, for Julia Whicher,	\$129 92
Caroline G. Clark, board of Mrs. Bennett,	104 00
W. A. Bucklin, medical attendance to John Arlin,	10 00
Charles D. Bryant, for board and care of “	21 00
H. K. Thompson, coffin, etc., for J. Keniston,	13 00
Hill & Fletcher, wood for “	5 25
“ for Fanny Dinsmore,	53 62
“ “ transient person,	1 00
Moses Garland, opening grave for J. Keniston,	3 00
Philbrick & Hill, wood for “	3 00
Mrs. R. A. Hunter, assistance at J. Keniston's,	5 00
Dr. Gould, medical attendance to Mrs. Bennett,	8 50
“ for County paupers,	28 25
Isaac H. Healey, for transient person,	1 00
J. L. Loverin, hearse and team at Keniston's funeral,	2 00
David Dearborn, for Jere. Austin,	20 00
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	\$456 54

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT
WITH GARDNER S. ABBOTT, COLLECTOR,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1883.

Amount of tax committed,	\$5,677 47
Paid treasurer cash,	\$5,356 16
Non-resident highway receipts,	19 80
Fees for collecting,	86 95
Abatements and errors,	50 86
Uncollected,	163 70
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	\$5,677 47
Collected on former lists,	\$50 09
“ from highway surveyors' books, tax of 1882,	27 01

TAX AUTHORIZED.

Warrant of State Treasurer,	\$1,000 00
“ County “	1,124 95

Vote of town, March, 1883,	\$ 2,000 00
Decoration appropriation,	25 00
Parsonage interest,	22 00
School fund interest,	42 00
School money required,	875 00
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	\$5,088 95
Five per cent. added,	254 44
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Legal limit,	\$5,343 39
Assessment, money tax, and dog tax,	5,340 77
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Margin,	\$2 69

ASSESSMENT LIST COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR.

Resident money tax,	\$4,369 65
Non-resident "	909 12
" highway tax,	336 70
Dog tax,	62 00
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	\$5,677 47

Rate of taxation, \$1 08 money; and .40 highway. Inclusive, \$1 48. Rate, 1882, \$1 65. Reduction, .17 per hundred.

INVOICE, APRIL, 1883.

265 Polls,	\$26,500 00
198 Horses,	10,562 00
105 Oxen,	5,716 00
377 Cows,	7,990 00
237 Other neat stock,	3,994 00
561 Sheep,	1,497 00
17 Hogs,	166 00
16 Carriages,	890 00
Stock in Banks,	2,600 00
Money at Interest,	18,760 00
Stock in Trade,	21,025 00

Machinery,	\$ 16,500 00
Real Estate,	372,570 00
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Total,	\$488,800 00
Invoice, 1882,	461,229 00
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Increase,	\$27,571 00
\$488,800 00 x \$1 08=	\$5,279 04
Dog tax,	62 00
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	\$5,341 04
Assessment,	5,340 77
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Fraction lost,	\$0 27

We recommend that you raise \$2,000 to meet the liabilities of the town for the year ending March 1st, 1885. Although there will be about \$136 less interest to pay on the debt the coming year, yet there are some possible contingencies to provide for, one of which may be the cost of the indictment of the highway leading from Lyford's corner to Charles Huber's,—sometimes known as Shaw Avenue,—and all on account of a cumulative snow blockade in March, 1883. A word with regard to the matter is not out of place. The man who seemed to be first and foremost in procuring the indictment was the very man who had authority to break out the road, and the only one in the neighborhood who had oxen to do the job with. Evidently having a stronger desire to create a row than to facilitate travel, he concluded to take some kindred spirits,—*and some not so kindred*,—along with him to the Grand Jury room, where he could vent his spleen by swearing that it was for “Political reasons,” that said Avenue was not cleared.

If the Selectmen gave him liberty, and the work of clearing was commenced and then abandoned, then where was the political reason if not in his own thoughts.

In fact the whole cause seemed to *lie* in his own mind.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES N. FORREST,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
GAWN E. GORRELL,	
CHARLES J. CHAMBERLAIN,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Northfield.</i>



TREASURER'S REPORT.

The indebtedness of the town of Northfield on the first day of March was \$11,861.26 above assets.

A reduction of \$1,512.84 the past year on a rate of taxation a little over one per cent. must be accepted as the result of economy and prudent management. In this estimate a claim against the city of Concord is not taken into account which one year since was deemed to be of value and by the selectmen considered yet a valid one. \$5,800 of bonds which fell due May 1, 1883, were paid on presentation and \$1,000 of the series maturing May, 1893, have been purchased, a loan having been negotiated, at four per cent., of \$1,000.

THE FUNDED DEBT IS IN

Bonds due May, 1888,	\$6,100 00
“ “ “ 1893,	5,100 00
Note J. S. Winslow, trustee,	1,000 00

Calling for \$712 annually of interest, and less than one half of the amount paid in 1868.

\$4,403 12, which had accumulated in the Savings Banks at Tilton and Franklin, was drawn and used in part payment of the bonds cancelled.

Your Treasurer is of the opinion that the present rate of taxation will realize funds sufficient for the usual expenditures, and substantially provide for the liquidation of bonds falling due in May, 1888.

The valuation may be less, as apprehended by many, but there is compensation in \$368 reduced interest annually, while a considerable sum would be realized from interest on each annual installment added to the sinking fund.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD IN ACCOUNT WITH F. J. EASTMAN, TREAS.

	Cr.
Mar. 1, '83, Cash on hand,	\$2,348 08
May 1, " " Franklin Bank,	2,137 57
" " " Iona "	2,265 55
" " " J. S. Winslow, trustee,	1,000 00
" " " Rent Town Hall,	29 00
" " " Mrs. Lamson,	52 00
" " " Literary Fund,	65 79
" " " Railroad,	374 50
" " " Savings Bank,	849 17
" " " Reimbursement, County,	214 37
" " " Highway Taxes,	153 01
" " " R. S. Carter,	9 70
" " " Tax, 1882,	50 09
" " " 1883,	5,356 16
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	\$14,904 99
	Dr.
Paid State tax,	\$1,000 00
" County tax,	1,124 95
" M. E. Watts' note,	360 36
" Mrs. Glines' note, etc.,	993 75
" Miss Adelaide S. Morrison, note,	110 42
" for bonds due May, 1883,	5,800 00
" purchase of bonds due 1893,	1,100 00
" for coupons,	894 00

Paid on sundry orders of Selectmen,	\$2,788 94
Cash on hand,	732 57
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	\$14,904 99

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Bonds, 1888,	\$6,100 00
“ 1893,	5,100 00
Note, J. S. Winslow, trustee,	1,000 00
Accrued Interest,	230 67
Dog tax,	40 00
Due School District No. 3,	244 16
Coupons outstanding,	9 00
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	\$12,723 83

ASSETS.

Cash on hand,	\$732 57
Taxes uncollected,	130 00
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	\$862 57
Debt due, March, 1884,	<hr/>
	\$11,861 26

PAID TOWN OFFICERS.—SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

James N. Forrest, Selectman,	\$105 00
Gawn E. Gorrell, “	75 00
Chas. J. Chamberlain, “	60 00
Charles W. Tilton, Clerk,	35 00
Mrs. L. R. H. Cross, S. S. Committee,	35 00
F. J. Eastman, Treasurer,	30 00
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	\$340 00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS FOR 1882, '83 AND '84,
FROM SAVINGS BANK, RAILROAD, AND LITERARY FUND TAXES.

Savings Bank tax, 1882,	\$783 81
“ “ 1883,	792 39
“ “ 1884,	849 17
Railroad tax, 1882,	455 35
“ “ 1883,	358 62
“ “ 1884,	374 50
Literary fund, 1882,	86 00
“ “ 1883,	65 78
“ “ 1884,	65 79

TAXES COLLECTED.

May,	\$ 88 00
June,	174 00
July,	257 00
August,	313 00
September,	504 00
October,	825 00
November,	536 00
December,	809 00
January, 1884,	565 00
February, “	1,285 16
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	\$5,356 16
Highway taxes,	153 01
“ “ 1882,	50 09
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	\$5,559 26

It may be proper to put on record a fact well-known, that Collector Abbott preserves his reputation as a tax gatherer.

The amount estimated as good and uncollected embraces quite an amount on highway tax bills.

Our roads and bridges are in good condition. Many water courses have been covered with stone, and several bridges reduced in length which will result in less expense hereafter in their maintainance. There are no lawsuits on hand. Everything in the way of litigation is disposed of, and as appears now none is apprehended.

F. J. EASTMAN,

Treasurer.



AUDITORS' REPORT.

We the subscribers having examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer for the year ending March 1st, 1884, respectfully submit that we find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

The following is a statement of the

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN:

The Selectmen charge the Treasurer with having received	\$14,904 99
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The Treasurer accounts for the same as follows:

Paid State Tax,	\$1,000 00
“ County Tax,	1,141 21
“ Parsonage Interest,	22 00
“ For School purposes,	1,074 87
“ “ Highways,	509 20
“ “ Support of Poor,	456 54
“ Current expenses,	518 57
“ In suit Lyford vs. Town,	120 00
“ Bonds, notes, interest, and coupons,	9,281 03
“ Damage to sheep by dogs,	41 00
“ Bounties,	8 00
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	\$14,172 42
Leaving balance in the hand of the Treasurer,	732 57

THE LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN ARE AS FOLLOWS.

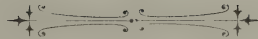
Town Bonds,	\$11,200 00
Interest on same from Nov. 1st, 1883, to date,	224 00
John S. Winslow's note and interest,	1,006 67
Due School District No. 3,	244 16
Dog tax collected,	40 00
Outstanding coupons,	9 00
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	\$12,723 83

AVAILABLE MEANS.

Cash in Treasurer's hands,	\$732 57
Taxes estimated good,	130 00
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	\$862 57
Liabilities,	\$12,723 83
Available Means,	862 57
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Present Indebtedness,	\$11,861 26
Indebtedness March 1st, 1883,	13,374 10
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Reduction of Debt,	\$1,512 84

Respectfully submitted,

LYMAN B. FELLOWS,	} Board of Auditors.
OTIS C. WYATT,	
JASON FOSS,	



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION,
FOR UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT, No. 1, IN TILTON.

The school year for Union District comprised three terms in all the departments, aggregating thirty two weeks, viz.: two terms of eleven weeks and one term of ten weeks.

The schools were in the immediate charge of of Misses Lyford, Page and Wyman, who respectively taught the Grammar, Intermediate and Primary departments. Their work shows commendable results, judging not only by the evidence manifested in the school Registers, but from personal observation of the several members of the Board of Education.

We offer for your consideration the following suggestions: A concrete or some kind of a walk across the street and extending to the school building would be of great convenience and should be laid. Those who have visited the school during the past year will appreciate the importance of the above suggestion.

There should be better facilities for heating and ventilating the school house. The furnaces now in use are old and worn out, causing great trouble and inconvenience. During the past year they proved inadequate for the proper heating of the school rooms, and in consequence the morning sessions were several times interrupted.

ROLL OF HONOR.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

FIRST TERM.—Emma Southwick, Dora Southwick, Mary E. Balcom, Josie M. Wyatt, Guy M. Lord.

SECOND TERM.—Guy M. Lord, Robert McDuff, Herbert S. Rogers, Etta E. Dolley, Maggie Doherty, Mary A. Dow, Alice E. Dennis, Gracie E. Ingalls, Dora Southwick, Etta E. Staples.

THIRD TERM.—E. Etta Dolley, Mabel F. Hanaford, George Howe, Guy M. Lord.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

FIRST TERM.—Willie Bean, Elmer Dinsmore, Nellie Hanaford.

SECOND TERM.—Charlie Avery, Herbert Dolley, Arthur Staples, Mary Balcom, Hattie Flanders, Mabel McDuff, Florence Thomas, Metta Wilkins.

THIRD TERM.—Charlie Avery, Herbert Dolley, George Rogers, Agnes Barney, Clara Barney, Nellie Dolley, Florence Dolley.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

FIRST TERM.—Fred C. Wyatt, Myrtie B. Tucker, Cora Winch, Maud E. Moore, May S. Avery.

SECOND TERM.—Sarah A. Kane, Myrtie B. Tucker, Cora Winch, Alice J. Dolley, Ernest Quimby.

THIRD TERM.—Sarah Kane, Myrtie B. Tucker, Grace Derby, Leon B. Peabody, Willie Bean, Harry Gould, Fred A. Smith.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

	1ST TERM.	2D TERM.	3D TERM.
Length in weeks,	11	11	10
Whole number of Scholars,	69	55	48
Average attendance,	65.6	51.19	46
Number in Reading,	69	55	48
“ Spelling,	69	55	48
“ Penmanship,	69	55	48
“ Arithmetic,	69	55	48
“ Geography,	69	55	48
“ Vocal Music,	69	55	48
“ Composition,	25	20	48
“ Drawing,	69	55	48
“ one half day absences,	847	317	330
“ not absent,	5	10	4
“ visits by the Board,	13	11	12
“ “ parents and others,	18	27	32

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

	1ST TERM.	2D TERM.	3D TERM.
Length in weeks,	11	11	10
Whole number of Scholars,	28	34	21
Average attendance,	25	31	19
Number in Reading,	28	34	21
“ Spelling,	28	34	21
“ Penmanship,	28	34	21
“ Arithmetic,	28	34	21
“ Geography,	28	34	21
“ Grammar,	..	13	..
“ Composition,	28	34	21
“ Vocal Music,	28	34	21
“ Drawing,	28	34	21
“ one half day absences,	337	284	230
“ not absent,	3	8	7
“ visits by the Board,	10	8	9
“ “ parents and others,	24	34	23

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

	1ST TERM.	2D TERM.	3D TERM.
Length in weeks,	11	11	10
Whole number of Scholars,	32	23	36
Average attendance,	29.66	21.66	33.06
Number in Reading,	30	23	36
“ Spelling,	32	23	36
“ Penmanship,	32	23	36
“ Arithmetic,	32	23	36
“ Geography,	19	20	28
“ Grammar,	31	23	36
“ History,	7	4	10
“ Composition,	32	23	26
“ one half day absences,	227	122	285
“ not absent,	5	5	7
“ visits by the Board,	6	9	9
“ “ parents and others,	10	17	27

D. M. PAGE, } *Board*
W. D. HARDY, } *of*
H. H. HAYNES, } *Education.*

TILTON, N. H., March 1, 1884.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Citizens of Northfield:—

The year just closed has been with our schools, one of prosperity.

The registers show an increase of thirteen in membership, and the same number of weeks' instruction as last year.

Of the ten different teachers employed, only three had previously taught in town; and three were inexperienced.

A few, who presented themselves for examination were deficient in penmanship, language, punctuation and spelling, and the propriety of allowing rank in some other branches to compensate for this deficiency is doubted by your committee. In all such cases I have candidly told the applicant my doubts, and required pledges of the utmost care and diligent study.

It is but just to say that the teachers without exception have been earnestly devoted to their work; and had their success corresponded with their intentions, or even their efforts, our schools would have been, many of them, models: It is nevertheless true, that some who may have been amply qualified in all the required branches of instruction, were lacking in general information, comprehensive views, force of character, elegance of manners and aptness to teach.

Children looking to their teachers as proper examples, are just as apt to copy bad manners and language as good, and we should do well to remember that every element in a teacher's character is an educator.

It was the intention of your Superintendent that every teacher should be present at the Institute held at Franklin the last week in October except Miss Sanborn, in No. 1, whose closing exercises occurred that week. I sent circulars, and accompanied each with a postal telling the teachers they were expected to be present the whole session. The best educators in the country were secured; those in attendance were gratuitously entertained by the generous citizens of Franklin; and yet only *two* were there any part of the session.

Any discussion of the merits of such gatherings is uncalled for; their utility is unquestioned by the best educators, and it is my unqualified testimony, as well as those who were present the whole session that the benefit derived from this outlay of money should have been reaped by our schools. Our teachers owe it to themselves, to the cause they represent, to the pupils under their care, to improve themselves in every possible manner. Such voluntary neglect deserves censure: nothing justifies it. Our Normal School and Institutes will only receive the patronage they deserve when the laws of our State make it obligatory.

The new readers, introduced without expense to the pupils, serve the triple purpose of text books in reading, language, and penmanship and are a part of the language system continued in our Language Lessons, Grammar and School Composition. For their purchase I expended a part of the Literary Fund.

Two of our Prudential Committees have not visited their schools the entire year, and four others but once each.

Comment is unnecessary.

Hygiene and Physiology with special reference to the effects of alcohol and narcotics on the system must be taught hereafter. Teachers will do well to bear this fact in mind.

The number of absences, 831 against 1066 last year notwithstanding the increased membership, is suggestive of a greater interest on the part of the parents, and the number of visits by parents and friends has also increased; which is very gratifying.

For the successes, and the many encouraging things connected with our schools, I refer you to the subjoined detailed remarks on the schools of the several districts in their proper order.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY R. H. CROSS,

Superintendent of Schools.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—CENTRE.

There has been no decline of interest here, but, rather a steady advance in whatever makes a successful and profitable school. Miss Annie E. Sanborn, who had charge of the school both terms sustained her former reputation for thoroughness and devotion to her work.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—BAY HILL.

Both terms taught by Miss Grace A. Shaw. There has been much improvement here in attendance and in the interest shown by the parents and friends. Miss Shaw is very quiet in her work but shows good results. She reports "No case of whispering for the entire summer term," which fact alone would prove faithfulness on the part of the teacher, and a state of things altogether desirable.

DISTRICT NO. 3.—HODGDON.

This school now with a single exception the largest in town, is composed mostly of French children and requires a variety of talent uncalled for in any other school in town. Miss Laura A. Rice, who has had charge of it for the entire year, seemed particularly adapted to perform her peculiar duties. Few of the pupils could either speak or understand a word of English, and the facility with which they learned the name of things

about them, and the idea, as well as the name, was quite wonderful. I might, perhaps, criticise the order in this school, did I not realize how difficult it might be, to control a room full of little children, who could neither understand or be understood.

A variety of general exercises, singing, etc., together with samples of object teaching, made the closing exercises very interesting to the many visitors present.

She spared no pains to make the school room attractive, thus securing punctuality; and consequently good progress was made.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—RAND.

Both terms under the care of Lucien Batchelder, who has taught here before.

The best of feeling seemed to exist between teacher and pupils resulting in good order and general success. These scholars seem to be gradually overcoming their hesitancy in the use of language, and I think the new readers with their exercises on language have tended somewhat to this result. It gives me pleasure again to commend these pupils for their punctuality. During the summer term but one failed to be on the Roll of Honor, and that one, if I understood rightly, lived out of the District. Attendance for the fall term also was but one less.

DISTRICT NO. 5.—OAK HILL.

Summer term taught by Miss Cora E. Moore. This is the largest and hardest school in town and needs experience and expedients to make it a success. Miss Moore labored faithfully and achieved commendable results.

Fall term taught by Miss Annie O. Drake, a teacher of large experience, good methods, and a tenacity of purpose, that wrought excellent results in this school where the great amount and variety of labor would almost preclude thorough and satisfactory work, leaving no time for complete recitation or extended illustration. Here were over twenty classes to recite every six hours with recesses deducted, yet with all these hindrances she achieved perhaps the most marked success of the year. We hope to see her in our schools again.

DISTRICT NO. 6.—BEAN HILL.

This is the most attractive little school in town. The teacher Miss Ida J. Prince was very nice and systematic in all her work; and the variety and amount accomplished, almost entirely by object teaching was quite wonderful for such young scholars. I cannot speak in too high terms of either teacher or school, and hope the district may be fortunate enough to secure her services hereafter.

There is much intelligent interest here on the part of parents and citizens which will, I hope, show itself soon in a well furnished and pleasant school-room.

It is stepping back a half century to go from the well kept homes of this district, into the place where the tastes and characters of these delicate little girls and boys are being moulded for time and eternity.

DISTRICT NO. 7.—POND.

Summer term taught by Oliver L. Cross who sustained his former good reputation as a teacher.

This school always does good work, especially in penmanship and language.

Fall term taught by Miss Della A. Moore. This was her first experience, and though several of the pupils were almost her equal in age, she sustained herself admirably. She has shown a natural aptness to teach that will, with more experience and extended general information, make her a valuable instructor.

DISTRICT NO. 8.—TEBBETTS.

It gives me pleasure to commend the first efforts of an energetic and faithful teacher; and such Miss Lizzie A. Adams proved herself to be. Some of these scholars are rather backward, but have done, nevertheless, a satisfactory year's work. The fathers, as well as the mothers, have sufficient interest here, to at least visit their school on examination days, and the prudential committee has, with one exception (and that a lady) made more visits than all the remaining six.

ROLL OF HONOR.

CENTRE.

FIRST TERM.

Stevens, Ina M.
Sanborn, Katy M.
Wilkins, G. Belle
Wilkins, Stella F.
Sanborn, Charlie F.
Sanborn, Alonzo H.

SECOND TERM.

Stevens, Ina M.
Hall, Ora M.
Wilkins, G. Belle
Wilkins, Stella F.
Sanborn, Charlie F.
Sanborn, Alonzo H.

BAY HILL.

FIRST TERM.

Glines, John W.
Marden, George
Marden, Charles

SECOND TERM.

Glines, John W.
Marden, George
Marden, Charles
Marden, Herbert L.

HODGDON.

FIRST TERM.

La Riviers, Francis
La Riviers, Joseph
La Riviers, Henri
Durgin, Mary
Durgin, Celia

SECOND TERM.

La Riviers, Francois
La Riviers, Joseph
La Riviers, Henri

RAND.

FIRST TERM.

Riley, Hattie B.
 French, Mabel E.
 Forrest, Annie R.
 French, Flora G.
 Downing, Mabel P.
 Downing, Bessie H.
 Glines, Jeddie S.
 Cram, Herbert L.
 Corlis, Arthur H.
 Downing, Wesley S.
 Benitez, Harry F.
 French, Willie W.

SECOND TERM.

Forrest, Annie R.
 French, Mabel E.
 French, Flora G.
 Downing, Mabel P.
 Downing, Bessie H.
 Glines, Jeddie S.
 Benitez, Harry F.
 Cram, Herbert L.
 Downing, Wesley S.

OAK HILL.

FIRST TERM.

Roberts, Mary A.
 Dow, Levi S.
 Drake, Charlie L.
 Lambert, Elmer E.
 Moore, Arthur G.
 Shaw, Albert B.

SECOND TERM.

Keniston, Victoria
 Roberts, Mary A.
 Lambert, Mabel G.
 Bachelder, Lizzie
 Lambert, Elmer
 Bachelder, Willis
 Moore, Arthur
 Dow, Levi S.
 Dow, Guy
 Drake, Annie M.
 Drake, Charlie

BEAN HILL.

FIRST TERM.

Abbott, Lilla M.
 Weeks, Della V.
 Brown, Ada J.
 Kimball, Merton
 Abbott, Eugene
 Kimball, Georgie

SECOND TERM.

Brown, Ada J.
 Abbott, Eugene
 Kimball, George
 Kimball, Merton

POND.

FIRST TERM.

Cross, Robert Lee
 Cross, Evelyn M.
 Glines, Henry W.
 Glines, Josie A.
 Lovejoy, Agnes E.
 Lovejoy, Marcie Dawn

SECOND TERM.

Cross, Robert Lee
 Lovejoy, Agnes E.
 Lovejoy, Marcie Dawn

TEBBETTS.

FIRST TERM.

Haines, Mattie D.
 Weymouth, Fred C.
 Weymouth, Frank E.

SECOND TERM.

Downing, Cora B.
 Downing, Lizzie F.
 Haines, Mattie D.
 Allen, Etta B.



TABLE OF STATISTICS.

No. of District.	Name of District.	Length of School.		No. of Pupils.		Reading and Spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Language.	Geography.	History.	Book-keeping,	Half day absences.	Visits of Prud. Com.	Visits by parents, citizens and others.
1	Centre, . .	15	16	16	12	11	6	9	..	..	214	1	47		
2	Bay Hill, .	18	7	7	6	6	2	2	4	..	36	..	29		
3	Hodgdon,	26	23	23	22	23	1	5	..	..	262	4	89		
4	Rand, . . .	16	13	13	10	9	5	3	1	1	16	..	18		
5	Oak Hill, .	17	29	29	25	25	1	9	1	3	152	1	43		
6	Bean Hill,	13	8	8	8	8	..	5	..	..	34	1	29		
7	Pond, . . .	16	9	9	7	7	3	4	..	2	33	1	30		
8	Tebbetts, .	14	9	9	8	8	1	4	..	..	74	4	31		

